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TELEPHONE FACILITY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in Chikkaballapur and Bellary regions which are without telephone facility at present;

(b) the number of villages in these regions where said facility is proposed to be provided during 2001-2002;

(c) the time by which remaining villages are likely to be covered;

(d) whether the Government propose to replace Multi Access Rural Radio (MARR) technology by Wireless in Local Loop (WLL technology in those regions;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (c): All villages in Chikkaballapur and Bellary regions have already been provided with village public telephones.

(d) to (f): BSNL has planned to install Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) system in Chikkaballapur with a capacity of 500 lines. WLL equipment is likely to be delivered by November, 2001. MARR based telephones are planned to be replaced by WLL based telephones progressively.